

REMARKS

The Specification has been amended to put the Brief Description of the Drawings into conformance with the formal drawings submitted herewith. As formal drawings have now been submitted and the specification conformed, the drawings appear, to applicants, to be in order. If there are corrections required, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

It is noted that in the amendment previously submitted, the clean copy of claim 1 did not match the marked-up version. It is believed that the marked-up version is correct, since otherwise, the limitations of claim 4 would be redundant. Accordingly, the present submission assumes that the wording of claim 1 is as set forth in the marked-up version submitted on 30 December 2002.

The only basis for rejection is under 35 U.S.C. § 112, paragraph 2. It is believed that the amendments to the claims address this ground for rejection.

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the restriction of heteroatoms to nitrogen applies only to Ring A.

Claims 1 and 119 have been amended to delete "sulfonyl."

The fourth choice for Z has been removed from claims 1 and 119 and placed into new dependent claims 133 and 134.

As to claim 98, it appears that the reference to "bacteria" is a word processing glitch. Reference to the original specification will confirm that instead of [bacteria, that portion of the name should have read [b]. This has been corrected by amendment.

It is believed that the foregoing disposes of all of the outstanding grounds for rejection. Should any further basis for rejection remain, again, a telephone call to the undersigned is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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